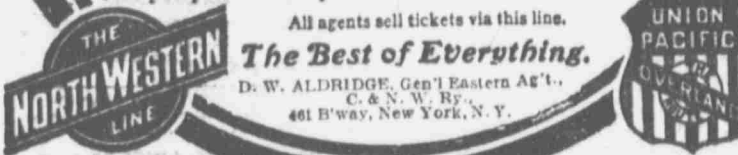


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PROFITS IN CITY LIGHTING.

CITY A POOR CUSTOMER FOR INCANDESCENT LIGHTS.

Its Many Separate Installations Make It a Retail Customer in the Eyes of the Company—Ciphey on the Mutual Gas Light Company's Surplus.

There was another shower of kilowatt hours, Mr. and Mrs. American dollars in the City Hall yesterday. The sums handed out by Schoolmaster Hughes were much more intricate than heretofore. Even so apt a pupil as Auditor Edwards of the New York Edison Company, who had established a reputation of being "chain lightning" on figures, got muddled toward the last and had to ask for time. Mr. Edwards testified that \$1,088,665 represented the book value of the plant and property of his company, but when it came to fixing upon just what items went to make it up he retired to cipher it out.

Chief Inspector Williams clobbered by Schoolmaster Hughes until he was able to announce that the amount of current furnished to the public buildings of the city last year was 1,088,665 kilowatt hours, of which 670,128 was billed at 12 cents and the remainder at varying figures which brought the average down to 11.36. He said that ninety-five buildings were supplied with current, 47 schools, 15 fire houses, 4 police stations and 29 office buildings. The total number of lamps used in these buildings was 37,804. The witness volunteered the information that the city was a poor customer for incandescent lighting, because in many of the buildings, notably the schools, large installations were required, although comparatively little current was used on account of the short time the lamps were in use each day.

"You charge for the current for each building separately, do you not?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"We do."

"Suppose you charged in bulk for the current furnished to these buildings and charged for it at the special wholesale rate, how much would you have received last year?"

"Roughly, about \$25,000."

"That is, \$25,000 instead of \$60,000?"

"Yes, that is right."

General Manager Lieb of the Edison company then took the stand to explain why the current was charged for in separate buildings instead of in bulk. He said that each building required a separate installation, making ninety-five installations instead of one, at a cost of from \$50 to over \$300 each. Added to this was the additional cost of inspection, accounting and the like.

Mr. Hughes then took up the subject of a net lighting.

"The total amount charged for arc lamps last year was \$418,728 in Manhattan, or 4.4 cents the kilowatt hour, and \$184,742 in the Bronx, or 7.2 cents the kilowatt hour. On the lamps in Manhattan a profit of eight-tenths of a cent was made on each kilowatt hour, and on those in the Bronx 2.44 cents. This estimate included a proportionate share of the interest on the company's funded debt of \$9,000,000, but not anything for interest on investment or dividends. Reckoned in the same exclusive manner, it was found that the total of profits on arc lighting last year was \$115,945.

When John E. Sandborn, the general bookkeeper of the Mutual Gas Light Company, was called to the stand Mr. Hughes read the provisions of the law giving the company its franchise. One forbade its consolidation with any other company under penalty of from twelve months to jail for the directors. Another provided for a distribution of all the profits in excess of 10 per cent, one-half going to the consumers pro rata and the other half to stockholders who were consumers, none, however, to share on a basis of more than fifty shares of stock. Mr. Hughes also offered in evidence the report last year of the Mutual to the State Board of Tax Commissioners, showing assets of \$4,569,000 and a profit and loss account of \$103,553. The dividend declared was at the rate of nine per cent.

"Has the excess of profits over 10 per cent ever been divided, as your charter provided?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"I think not," replied the witness. "We haven't paid more than an average of 2-3 per cent dividends in the past two years."

Under the spur of Mr. Hughes' questions

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the witness testified that a large amount was taken from the earnings of the company each year for depreciation. One item was \$210,000 for taking down four holders. Mr. Sandborn admitted that there was no actual outlay; as a matter of fact, a contractor gave the company \$710 for the holders, and then took them down and carted the scrap iron away. The item was charged as expenses, he said, because the value of the plant had been cut down that much. When the new holders were built their cost of \$300,000 was charged against the plant account.

Mr. Sandborn figured that a 10 per cent dividend on the stock outstanding in 1904, exclusive of treasury stock, would be equal to \$345,233, and that the net earnings of the company for that year, exclusive of depreciation and the renewal of the four holders, were \$32,233. Figured on the same basis, the earnings for 1903 were in round numbers \$455,000; in 1902, \$484,000, and in 1901, \$492,000. The reserve created for depreciation, including the item of the four holders, was \$878,000. Mr. Sandborn explained that it would be unjust to the stockholders to let the plant run down and not provide for renewal.

"Do you expect to rebuild your plant out of your earnings?" asked Mr. Hughes.

"We do."

"And you have comprehensive plans for these improvements?"

"We have. We intend to spend between \$700,000 and \$800,000."

Neither Charles F. Murphy nor any of the city officials who Chairman Stevens said on Sunday would probably be subpoenaed appeared yesterday. The Senator refused to give a definite answer when asked if they would be called. "We will subpoena them if we need them," he said.

Assemblyman Apgar, a member of the committee, has been ill for several days at the Murray Hill Hotel, and at one time he was threatened with pneumonia. He was reported yesterday to be on the road to recovery.

The Merchants' Association has written to the commission asking that Brooklyn gas and electric lighting conditions be also investigated.

HAD APPENDICITIS AT 92.

Survived an Operation and a Week Afterward Was Sewing Wood.

JOHNSTOWN, N. Y., April 10.—Tupper Lake has the toughest old man on record. Pierre Lacombe is his name. A week ago he was a hale and hearty seventy-two-year-old father, a French Canadian guide, suffering with an acute attack of appendicitis, to Clayton to the hospital.

The doctors told the old man and his sons that an operation was necessary, but that they had practically no hope that the patient would survive the ordeal. The old guide saw a chance for his life, however, and insisted on an operation. He was put under the knife at noon. At 5 o'clock he became somewhat active and called for his trousers, from which he took some tobacco for chewing purposes. A few hours later the nurse brought him some broth, but he would not touch it. He called for pork and beans. They were given him and he slept well after the hearty meal. His wife Lacombe insisted upon going home. The nurses objected, but the doctors finally decided that he could go. On Saturday, one week after the operation had been performed, the old man was out sawing wood, which occupation he continued yesterday.

WEDS A WEALTHY WOMAN.

Ex-Congressman Sperry Got Married Without Notifying His Friends.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 10.—The news of the marriage of former Congressman Lewis Sperry, the well known Hartford lawyer, to Miss Carolyn Tyrone Armbruster of Meriden, near Philadelphia, which occurred at the Presbyterian church last Thursday morning, reached here on Saturday. Mr. Sperry has been a widower for three years and had a grown up son and daughter. His intimate friends in Hartford were not even aware that he was paying attention to Miss Armbruster.

Miss Armbruster is many years the junior of Mr. Sperry, and it is reported that she is worth one million dollars. She is the granddaughter of the late William Potts, the Philadelphia millionaire iron founder. Her mother was one of Mrs. Potts' two children. The other was Charles Potts, who died childless last May, and much of whose fortune went to Miss Armbruster.

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MORE LEAD MERGER TALK.

Smelting and United Lead Men in Smelters Securities Company.

Rumors of consolidation of the leading lead companies which have been rife for some time were accentuated yesterday by the election of directors and officers of the American Smelters Securities Company, incorporated in New Jersey a few weeks ago. The president is E. W. Nash, president of the American Smelting and Refining Company, and the vice-president is Barton Sewell, president of the United Lead Company. All of the directors are connected with one or the other of these companies. They are Daniel Guggenheim, E. W. Nash, Barton Sewell, Murray Guggenheim, Isaac Guggenheim, A. E. Eilers, E. R. Guggenheim, Simon Guggenheim, Edward Brush, E. L. Newhouse, Karl Eilers, S. W. Eccles, M. R. Guggenheim, J. B. Grant, Dennis Sheedy, F. Gulterman and W. S. Morse.

The report of the National Lead Company for the year ended Dec. 31, 1904, reports the net earnings at \$1,595,992, an increase of \$26,623 over 1903. Preferred stock dividends to the amount of \$1,043,290 were paid and \$552,412 was set aside for the surplus. The total surplus is \$2,515,243, which is declared to be essential to the regular conduct of the business. The report states that the constituent company conducting lead production completed a smelter in November, which is now in profitable operation.

THE MOUNTED COP PROBLEM.

How Capt. Murphy Utilized Two Horses for His Force of Six Men.

The Parkville police station has six equine patrolmen and only two horses for them to ride. Capt. Patrick Murphy has been doing some figuring of late trying to give his six cops a mount, and has solved the problem, or thinks he has. Yesterday two of the "Cossacks" were sent out with each horse. One rode an animal and the other walked at the bridle. The third man was sent out on foot, with instructions to get far ahead of the other two and there await the coming of a real mounted cop. For a mile the horseman rode along, with his partner holding the bridle, as though teaching a new man how to ride. Then the mounted man dropped off and "pounded the road," while his mate "jumped on the horse and rode on until he found the third man, who rode back along the trail to be met by the first man.

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RAILROAD PROFITS LESSENING.

Public Getting Transportation Cheaper—Interstate Commerce Figures.

The preliminary report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, giving the earnings of the railroads of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, shows some important changes in the cost of conducting the railroad business. The figures for 1904 show the results of the operation of 200,000 miles, as against 205,313 miles the preceding year. The totals are:

Gross earnings.....\$1,266,523,571
Operating expenses.....1,332,292,948
Income from operation.....\$64,230,623
The gross earnings for 1903 were \$1,000,000,000, or an increase last year of about \$266,523,571. Operating expenses in 1903 were \$1,257,538,822. The ratio of operating expenses thus increased from 65.16 per cent to 67.73 per cent.

This increase in the cost of operating the railroads resulted in a decrease of the revenue available for interest charges and dividends of something more than \$5,000,000, the net earnings being \$64,230,623, as against \$60,000,000 in 1903. In other words, while the railroads sold over \$60,000,000 more in freight and passenger fares, the actual returns to the owners of the railroads diminished \$4,000,000. The figures of the Interstate Commerce Commission demonstrate, therefore, that the public received cheaper transportation and the relative proportion of profit to the railroads materially diminished.

Says She Was Drugged and Married.

Gussie Klein has begun an action in the Supreme Court for the annulment of her marriage to Samuel Schneider, on the ground that she was suffering, when the ceremony was performed, from the effects of a drug administered to her in soda water, and did not know what was going on when she went to the City Hall and was married on Aug. 16, 1902, she being then under 18.

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Police Story as to Why Electrician Did Not Appear in Court.

Thomas Marshall, an electrician of 564 Second avenue, reported to the Detective Bureau on Sunday that he had been robbed of \$50 by pickpockets while riding on a second avenue elevated train. Three men were concerned in the robbery, he said, and in the Rogues' Gallery he identified the picture of Morris Koch, No. 10,150, as one of them. Detectives found Koch at 31st street and Second avenue and took him to Police Headquarters, where, the police say, Marshall identified him. Marshall was not present yesterday morning when the case was called in the Essex Market police court. Magistrate Pool remanded the prisoner and issued an attachment for the complaining witness. The detective found Marshall and took him to the Detective Bureau last evening. According to Acting Captain McAuley, Marshall, in the presence of several wit-

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ness, said he did not go to court because a friend of the prisoner had given him \$50 on Sunday night to drop the case. Marshall was locked up on the attachment.